

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action of January 7, 2009 and the Telephone Interview of March 4, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 4-11, 13 and 14 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-3, 7-12, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Srinivasan (US 6,850,064) in view of Jones (US 5,666,055).

Claims 4-6 stand allowed.

Interview Summary

On March 4, 2009, the undersigned and Examiner Vargas discussed the claims and the references of record, particularly the Srinivasan reference. In the discussion, it became apparent that the Examiner was treating the radio frequency receiving device as another magnetic resonance coil. In the discussions, it was pointed out that the radio frequency receiving device is part of a control system for controlling the switch which switches the magnetic resonance receive coil between operative and inoperative states. Various potential language modifications to emphasize that the radio frequency control signal is different from a magnetic resonance signal were discussed. It is believed that the claims, as currently amended, bring out this distinction as discussed.

The Claims Distinguish Patentably Over the References of Record

Claim 1 has been amended to emphasize that the radio frequency receiving device is a control device which controls the switch which switches the MR resonance circuit between its active and inactive modes. By distinction, Srinivasan is directed to a magnetic resonance coil which can be operated as a single coil (coil #1) or portions of which can be operated as a pair of coils (coil #2 and coil #3).

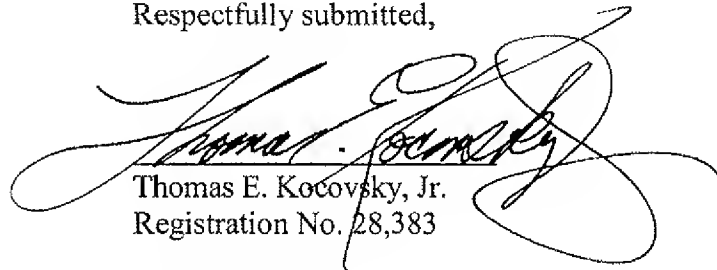
Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1, 4-11, 13, and 14 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 1, 4-11, 13, and 14 distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at 216.363.9000.

Respectfully submitted,

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